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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

UNDER SEAL,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNDER SEAL,

Defendants.

No. C 12-2301 SI

**UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF
ELECTION TO DECLINE
INTERVENTION;
[PROPOSED] ORDER**

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UNITED STATES *ex rel.* COHEN,

No. C 12-2301 SI

Plaintiff,

v.

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TRESKA *et al.*,

Defendants.

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Pursuant to the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(4)(B), the United States notifies the Court of its decision not to intervene in this action.

Although the United States declines to intervene, it respectfully refers the Court to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(1), which allows the relator to maintain the action in the name of the United States; providing, however, that the "action may be dismissed only if the court and the Attorney General give written consent to the dismissal and their reasons for consenting." *Id.* The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has held that, notwithstanding this language, the United States only has the right to a hearing when it objects to a settlement or dismissal of the action. *U.S. ex rel. Green v. Northrop Corp.*, 59 F.3d 953, 959 (9th Cir. 1995); *U.S. ex rel. Killingsworth v. Northrop Corp.*, 25 F.3d 715, 723-25 (9th Cir. 1994).

Therefore, the United States requests that, should either the relator or the defendants

1 propose that this action be dismissed, settled, or otherwise discontinued, this Court provide the
 2 United States with notice and an opportunity to be heard before ruling or granting its approval.

3 Furthermore, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(c)(3), the United States requests that all
 4 pleadings filed in this action be served upon the United States. The United States also
 5 requests that orders issued by the Court be sent to the government's counsel. The United
 6 States reserves its rights to order any deposition transcripts and to intervene in this action, for
 7 good cause, at a later date. See 31 U.S.C. § 3730(c)(3).


8 Finally, the United States requests that the Court unseal: the relator's Complaint, this
 9 Notice of Election to Decline Intervention, with (proposed) Order lifting the seal, and all other
 10 matters occurring in this action after the date the Court enters the unsealing order. The United
 11 States also requests that all other contents of the Court's file in this matter (including, but not
 12 limited to, any applications filed by the United States for extensions of the sixty-day
 13 investigative period, any applications for partial lifting of the seal, and any orders previously
 14 entered in this matter) remain under seal and not be made public or served upon the
 15 defendants.

16 Respectfully submitted,

17 MELINDA HAAG
 18 United States Attorney

19 Dated: July 13, 2012

20 By:


 21 SARA WINSLOW
 22 Assistant United States Attorney
 23 Attorneys for the United States
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[PROPOSED] ORDER

The United States having declined to intervene in this action pursuant to the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(4)(B), the Court rules as follows:

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Complaint, this Order, and the accompanying United States' Notice of Election to Decline Intervention are hereby unsealed.

2. The relator shall serve the Complaint on defendants.

3. Any applications and/or declarations that have been filed under seal by the United States for an extension of the sixty-day investigative period or for any other reason shall remain under seal and not be made public or served upon the defendants.

4. The seal shall be lifted as to all other matters occurring in this action after the date of this Order.

5. The parties shall serve all pleadings and motions filed in this action, including supporting memoranda, upon the United States, as provided for in 31 U.S.C. § 3730(c)(3). The United States may order any deposition transcripts and is entitled to intervene in this action, for good cause, at any time.

6. All orders of this Court shall be sent to the United States.

7. Should the relator or the defendants propose that this action be dismissed, settled, or otherwise discontinued, the Court will provide the United States with notice and an opportunity to be heard before ruling or granting its approval.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 7/16/12

S J
HON. SUSAN ILLSTON
United States District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is an employee of the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California and is a person of such age and discretion to be competent to serve papers. The undersigned further certifies that she is causing a copy of the following:

**UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF ELECTION TO DECLINE INTERVENTION;
[PROPOSED] ORDER**

United States, ex rel. Cohen v. Tresca, et al.
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to be served this date upon each of the persons indicated below at the address shown:

John Reed
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BY FIRST CLASS MAIL by placing a true copy thereof in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid in the designated area for outgoing U.S. mail in accordance with this office's practice.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 13, 2012.


KATHY TERRY
Legal Assistant